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THE WANDERING CARPET-BAGGER.—SIREN FEMALE LOBBYISTS—PINAFORE, ETC., ETC.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 5, 1879.

EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

Washington, after months of hard times and supreme monotony, occasioned by the absence of that menagerie called Congress and the crowds of all sorts of people who always attend its sessions, has again donned her holiday attire and is now as happy, gay and frivolous as a new made bride of the prairies. Old and familiar faces are beginning to appear upon our streets, fill the hotel corridors and jam the lobbies of the capitol. Oily-tongued ex-Confederate Generals and Colonels, with seedy coats and questionable linen—men who "lost all but their honor" in the late war, are here, manifesting inordinate anxiety for a chance to go in for the old flag and an appropriation—the appropriation first, of course. The ubiquitous and, in these days, sadly neglected carpet-bagger, who has within the last ten years resided in nearly every Southern State and by turns been a candidate for office in each, is now to be found aimlessly lounging around in this great city, homeless, friendless. He has reconstructed the South by turning it over to the Democrats, and now, like Alexander the Great, pines for new worlds to conquer. He has betrayed the blacks, swindled the whites and is now a nameless outcast, whose only hope is that in the vicissitudes of the hour he may be able to straddle somebody's boom. Poor fellow! After ten years of idleness and luxury at the South he leaves that section unhonored, unsung, and, I regret to say, alas! unhung. We have with us also the coy maiden with enchanting smile and bright, death dealing eye, the comely matron of uncertain age, with soft voice and wonderfully insinuating manners who are lying in wait to entrap the unwary "member" and convince him by argument or otherwise that the railroad which is to pass through Muggins-Glen should be heavily subsidized by the government. We are accustomed to speak of the pernicious influence of female lobbyists as though it was a plant of exclusively American production; but such is not the case; England, only a century and a half ago, was humiliated and disgraced by the influence which a few shameless women exercised over prominent members of Parliament. Since the eventful extra session of Congress, a change has come not only over the dreams, but over the appearance and manners of some of our legislative stars. Thurman shakes the bandana handkerchief with less defiance than of old.

Conkling, while wearing with pride the spurs which he recently won in the State of New York, seems in no haste to receive the swords of his defeated antagonists.

Garfield taunts the enemy on the floor of the House no little by his excessive parliamentary politeness. Even the employes, characteristic for abruptness to outsiders who have occasion to make enquiries of them, have suddenly become agreeable and courteous. Everything says change! change!

The contest over the appointment of a District Commissioner to succeed Captain Phelps ended in the appointment of Major Morgan, a Democrat. The President, it is said, contemplated the appointment of Hon. Sayles I. Bowen, but the appearance at the White House of a half dozen delegations of *representative* colored men, in the interest of the aforesaid gentleman, promptly decided the case against him. Like poor old Sam Bard, they were entirely "too unanimous."

"One more unfortunate,
Sick of his gal,
Ended his foolishness
In the canal."

As an evidence that some of the colored people are imitating, in a remarkable degree, the vices as well as the virtues of the so-called superior race, forging signatures to notes, breaking into houses, and occasionally lying in jail for these infractions of the law, they are also indulging in the more refined pastime of committing suicide. Only the other day a colored gentleman, residing in Maryland, whose offer of marriage was declined by a District belle, tied a heavy stone to his neck and wended his way to eternity through the dark waters of the Potomac; Othello like, he loved not wisely but too well.

The Southern Republican Association of this city, has been organized and is now in full blast. It may be interesting to our friends South to know that every Southern State is represented in the Association; for instance, Arkansas is represented by that matchless Poet, orator, soldier, sailor, statesman, philanthropist, painter and sculptor, "Colonel" Hill. Well we have had Pinafore; this time by a company of colored ladies and gentlemen of this city. I do not overstate the case when I say that they are excelled by no troupe that has yet visited Washington. Miss Lawrence as Little Buttercup, Miss Miller as Josephine, and Miss Wall as Cousin Hebe deserve more than a passing notice, but I have not space in this letter to do them justice; for I have already omitted what I intended to write when I began this letter—a notice of the unjust criticisms which were drawn out in my last letter, but this matter, like wine, will improve with age.

Yours occasionally,
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CHICAGO.

UNPLEASANT REMINDERS FOR GOV. NICHOLLS.

NORTHERN SENTIMENT ON THE SOLID SOUTH—THE PRESIDENTS SUGGESTION TO CONGRESS—MISCELLANEOUS.

CHICAGO, Dec., 4, 1876.

DEAR EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

Our Nothern Republicans are watching with great interest, the local and State administration of the South and their general attitude, and the Chicago *Tribune* arouses the ire of stalwarts, by reviewing at length the situation of affairs since the Kellogg *regime* in your State. It asks these questions after quoting from his inaugural speech, in which he (Gov. Nicholls) said:

"I will use my utmost endeavors as Governor, and with all the influence at my command as such, to promote the educational and material interests of the colored people precisely to the same extent that I will those *of the white people.* It will be my constant aim to promote kindness, sympathy, confidence, and justice between the two races in the State."

Queries the *Tribune.* How has the Governor protected the colored citizens in the exercise of their political rights?

What has become of the free school system of Louisiana?

What about the material prosperity of the State? Answering these questions which seem directly from close and accurate observations, it concludes that the trade of the South will never be worth a rush until the negro citizen is made as free there as he is here. The only creator of wealth at the South is the despised negro, and not until his labor is honored, and his political rights respected to the full measure of those of the white man, will an era of prosperity dawn upon the South.

The honest sentiments conveyed in those lines have to an enormous extent preyed upon and found conviction in the minds of every Northerner, white and colored, until he wonders if there hadn't better be a reinforcement of "federal bayonets" stationed thereabouts ere the canvassing of the campaign of 1880 is begun.

President Hayes having expressed his opinion retrospective and prospective upon the general condition of the affairs of the country, it is now believed here that the only thing in his menage with which the Democracy are likely to quarrel about is his suggestion in reference to the enforcement of the laws for the protection of the rights of suffrage. Such a policy, in their opinion, is a direct charge or assault upon the Democratic party, whose triumph in this country depends upon the exercise of rights to vote as often as they please, and thereby preventing their opponents from voting whenever they please. We hope this mode of maintaining a solid South will be speedily brought to its final end, and the people of the South realize the beauty of the "true inwardness" of the ballot.

It is thought by many here that should the bill for the suppression of Chinese emigration be brought up during this session of Congress that, the Republicans and Democrats will unite for its passage, and, if remodeled, may obtain Hayes' signature and thus become a law. But while they are acting upon that those Republicans should remember their first *protege*, the colored man, as they can be a little more beneficent to him, especially the Kansas emigrant from the South, that of the celestial city.

Congressman Springer (Dem.), of Illinois, thinks this session will be a long and tedious one, and he recently said to an interviewer that the Democrats do not want a better thing for an opposition platform than the President's and Secretary Sherman's recommendation of the withdrawal of the legal tender circulation and the suspension of the coinage of the silver dollar, and he also thinks that Southern men will bring forward no measure that will arouse sectional animosities.

Your correspondent cannot say much regarding our distinguished hero, Gen. Grant, from the fact that aside from the numerous receptions and public ovations tendered him he still retains that painful silence on the subject of President-making.

Hon. James P. Root and many prominent citizens and officials are working assidiously to have the national convention held in this city, offering the greatest inducements and best facilities in the country. What there may be remains to be seen.

Prof. R. G. Greener, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was with us on the 25th, lectured at Quinn Chapel on the Negro exodus and was listened to by a vast concourse of people. The subject was of course ably elucidated by the Professor, and cited the deplorable condition of so many poor laboring colored men, and the great robbery of their actual earnings, and the final godsend in the exodus movement. He is *en route* to Kansas and will doubtless gain considerable useful information regarding those who have gone to the new Canaan.

There has been very little done by the society which organized for the purpose of giving aid from this city. After sending several boxes early in the spring they finally succumbed to the inevitable and are no more.

Our Republican ward clubs are beginning to make preparations for their usual rallies and everything, politically speaking, is still booming.

WESLEY.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7, 1879.

Editor of the Picayune:

In editorial comments this morning upon the Louisianian's advice to the colored people of North Louisiana to leave that section of the country you assume, and correctly, that I am responsible for the article. You also state truthfully the position I have occupied heretofore on the exodus question; but when you say: "The inference was natural and reasonable that he discredited the reports of violence and outrage which had been set in circulation, and that he disbelieved in the alleged persecution of the negroes, in some of the exodus-smitten parishes."

You are greatly mistaken. And in this connection your reference to my course in the Constitutional Convention is unfortunate. In the most elaborate and carefully prepared speech made by me in that body, I said:

"If it is your aim, as I am led to believe it is, by the respectful attention thus far given to the suggestions of the colored members of this body, in committee room and convention, to lay the foundation for the future so broad and deep that all may stand upon it in perfect security, do not, I pray you, disparage our humble efforts to aid you in the good work. If we have erred and lamentably failed in our first endeavors as citizens, give us another trial for life.

"You have tried disparagement and cursing, and withheld from us your sympathy and your counsel, and the result is seen in the deplorable condition in which we find the State,

"Now, in the name of the common fatherhood of God and in the interests of our chilren and all who are to come after us, I beseech you to encourage and help us to become honest, virtuous, intelligent citizens comprehending our obligations to society and to the State, and possessed of sufficient courage to judiciously exercise and maintain our citizenship and become a healthy element in the body politic.

"You cannot afford to have the colored voters of the State reduced to a race of cowardly political mendicants with their votes open to the purchase of the highest bidder such as they are bound to become if they are not permitted to vote freely their honest convictions, and have their votes honestly counted. Armed political campaigns must cease. Brigadier Generals of the State militia must not be allowed, under the specious pretext of suppressing a riot, to use their forces for the suppression of our legitimate majorities in order that they may be elected to Congress. Men elected to office by our votes for years, and the largest beneficiaries of our suffrage, must not be allowed to inaugurate a reign of terror in parishes where our people constitute a large majority, whenever it becomes necessary to conciliate themselves in office.

"The unseemly spectacle of a judge! a judge!! Mr. President, leaving his bench and leading a mob in a murderous crusade against our people simply because they refused to vote as he directed, must be seen no more if you wish to retain them among you. These outrageous practices and the promiscuous murders of colored men in certain portions of the State, intended for the complete subjugation of the race, must cease. They cannot permanently subjugate our people out but will ultimately drive them out of your community and leave you to till your own land unless they are arrested; and it is no use to seek an evasion of the issue. You must meet it now, or hereafter. I appeal to you, then, in the interest of all, to eradicate these evils before they depopulate the State of its most reliable laboring population. Establish and maintain the supremacy of law on every inch of our soil, and thus encourage these people to remain and help you to develop the matchless resources of our State. If you wish their votes seek to obtain them honestly and fairly and not by coercion. In all things persuade us by reason—do not attempt to drive us by force, and I am sure in good time we will repay you an hundred fold for the kind words with which you cheer us on."

In common fairness I ask, Mr. Editor, whether such utterances imply that I "disbelieved in the alleged persecution of the negroes in some of the exodus smitten parishes." On the contrary, they plainly indicate that I was fully aware of their truthfulness. But relying upon the generous sentiment manifested by the whites in the convention toward their colored colleagues as an evidence that they would not tolerate such villanies in the future, I was willing to turn my back upon the past and its gloomy surroundings and go forward in what I supposed would be a common march to renewed peace, order and plenty for all the people.

Against the admonition of white friends and the protest of the colored masses, the result of their deep rooted convictions that no faith could be placed in the profession or promises of protection and fair play toward the colored people by the native whites of the State, I had unlimited confidence in their integrity and honor, and believed that with the Government of the State in their own hands they would regard the colored people—the great mass of whom are docile, ignorant and poverty stricken, and therefore mere children—as entitled to their fostering care and protection and that henceforth Louisiana would be free from violence and outrage.

Sincerely entertaining these convictions, and learning through what I believed authentic sources that the great crimes mentioned in the Louisianian had been perpetrated in Madison parish, what was more natural than that I should give vent to my indignation and advise my people to leave a community in which they are subjected to such treatment barbarous?

Your insinuation that my advice to the colored people to leave the communities in which they have been maltreated is the result of political disappointment is entirely without foundation.

Ever since I was ruthlessly slaughtered and sold out in the house of my political friends in my Senatorial contest—an act or perfidy without a parallel in political history—my political aspirations

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The Louisianian.

T. DE S. TUCKER, EDITOR.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1879.

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Thanks to Senator Bruce for copies of the Congressional Record.

Our thanks are due the Hon. B. F. Jonas, United States Senator, for public documents.

We have lost all faith in the "good people" of Louisiana who are always ready to deprecate, but not to stop, the lawless doings of political ruffians.

We believe in good government and the supremacy of intelligence, but we are unalterably opposed to murder and fraud as a pretended means to that end.

Cry "bloody shirt" or any other kind as much as the Democratic press may, we will not be deterred thereby from exposing their iniquitous acts to a humane world.

As our people will not exercise the law of retaliation, the least we can recommend to them is to leave the terrorized parishes of this State for the places where men are civilized.

It's offices the Democrats want in each parish and they'll murder or do anything else to get them. The term "good government" is only a cloak for the rascalities inflicted on our long suffering people.

The *Society Journal*, volume 1, numbers 20 and 21, has been received. We place it on our exchange list on the assumption that it is published weekly. Success to you, brother Pennington.

The committee of invitation on the reception of Gen. Grant at Indianapolis by the war veterans of the State of Indiana December 9, 1879, will please accept our thanks for an invitation to be present.

Our Democratic journals are ignorant of the fact that there is a band of cut-throats in Ouachita commanded by one "Capt." Tibbals, who came down to Madison and did that regulating business which is now being stoutly denied.

The *Picayune* is lamentably ignorant of the rumor and which from the surroundings, is highly probable, that a *very prominent candidate* on the Democratic State ticket came down from Ouachita and instigated the outrages in Madison which the *Pic* is laboring to conceal.

Congress assembled last Monday week. Referring to the visitors present the *Inter-Ocean* says: "In the ladies gallery the most noticeable person was Mrs. Senator Bruce, who was handsomely dressed, and who was continually pointed out to the curious as the wife of the only co'ored man who is now a member of the United States Congress. Mrs. Bruce is so light in complexion that many were incredulous as to her identity.

Our Tenth Volume.

With this issue the LOUISIANIAN enters on the tenth year of its existence. The seeming discrepancy of passing directly from the eighth to the tenth volume is owing to some suspensions, notably that of last year on account of the epidemic. On resumption of publication, the compositor failed to give the paper its proper number. Had this been done, the ninth year would have closed with the last issue. We therefore correct and start anew as though no irregularity had occurred. Brought into life by a joint stock company of eight public-spirited colored men in the early days of Republican supremacy in this State to advocate the rights of the newly enfranchised citizens, the LOUISIANIAN has witnessed the checkered fortunes and downfall of that party, while all, but one, of its proprietors, have long since retired from the heavy expense attendant on newspaper business. Daunted however at nothing, either of the domineering spirit of white leaders of the Republican party, or of the vengeful spirit of Democratic deviltry, the sole remaining proprietor has maintained the LOUISIANIAN intact in all these years, in its original spirit and purpose That this journal has at times disagreed on passing issues with party magnates, and even with prominent and thinking men of our race, is a fact which in a measure attests its worth and individuality. A newspaper, like a public man, is often called on to assume the courage of its convictions against the opposing view of the masses. But in a steady determined battle for all the rights and immunities conferred on us by citizenship, the LOUISIANIAN has, from its birth, been as inflexible as the needle is to the pole. It has never bent the knee to place and power that thrift may follow cringing, nor has its voice in any crisis and at any time been uncertain, when the manhood of the humblest of the race, either in private life, or in public affairs, has been unjustly assailed. The causes which necessitated the birth of this paper are pretty much the same to-day. While our political equality is conceded in theory, it is now far more in danger of being nullified than it was ten years ago. If "eternal vigilance is ever the price of liberty," at no period of our new life does it so seriously behoove us to support, by even sacrifice the organs edited and controled by colored men. With our very lives in our hands, and at the mercy of ruffians during the excitement of a political campaign in certain parts of out State, we need journals which have the manliness to thunder our protests against outrages and to lay bare to the world the crimes visited on our persons, property and citizenship. How well the LOUISIANIAN has answered this purpose in the past, it is not for us to say. Conscious however of having always been actuated by a sincere desire to serve the highest welfare of our people, we trust that in the future the LOUISIANIAN will meet with that substantial encouragement to which its persistent fight for the name and honor of the race entitles it. We ask our people, especially in the country parishes, to extend our circulation, for it is their interests chiefly which need to be guarded. With an abiding hope that we shall more than ever deserve the commendations of our patrons, we launch out on the Tenth year of our Journalistic Experience.

The Exodus.

Deeply moved by the stories of recent wrongs perpetrated upon our defenseless people in the North Louisiana parishes and especially in Madison we gave vent to our indignation in editorial comments in last issue upon an article which appeared in the *Democrat* and straight way the *Picayune* and *Democrat* pours out their vials of wrath upon Gov. Pinchback and the LOUISIANIAN.

Gov. Pinchback's reply to the *Picayune* published in that journal Tuesday, and reproduced elsewhere in our column, disposes of it. We propose here to say a word to the *Democrat* on its "raw-head and bloody bones" article in Monday's issue. Its labored and shameless attempt to ridicule our concern for the lives and rights of our people may meet the approval of the red handed assassins that delight in the negro killing business and their miserable employers who have obtained office through their aid, but we do not believe the honest white masses of Louisiana or anywhere else will regard it with favor.

Born in a revolution, nursed and kept alive by the fruits of violence and doomed to a sudden death whenever peace and order is established in the State, we are not surprised that the *Democrat* appears as the champion and defender of lawlessness and violence.

When it says:

"Of course the election could not pass without a revival of the outrage mill and a fresh hoisting up of the bloody shirt banner upon the outer wall. There must always be some one to raise a dismal howl over a ballot, and here in Louisiana, where the custom has been established, and has attained a respectable standing, what could be more natural than to conjure up the raw head and bloody bones of the past to banish that mouldy and tattered banner with a freshened vigor! The spectre has become slightly, nay wofully worn in most quarters. In Feliciana, Natchitoches, Ouachita and Tensas, it has been worn to tatters until it is too threadbare for service. It has been waved and flouted and fluttered until it has lost its color and consistency, and there is no eye so innocent and credulous as will do it reverence."

Candor compells the admission that it borders too close upon the truth for comfort. Murder and outrage have, alas! become so frequent and common as instrumentalities to carry elections in those localities and enable Democratic commissioners of election to exhaust the poll list in favor of their ticket, that we are not surprised to find the *Democrat* astonished at our simplicity in venturing to call public attention to the employment of the same agencies in Madison.

It may be absurd on our part, Mr. *Democrat*, to venture a protest against the murder of our people for political purposes—especially when your party could and would have done the same sort of *counting* without it; but your assertion that "Pinchback, a dozen others living in idleness and reveling upon the spoils of law-abiding citizens" and cry of thieves and robbers against Republican officials in Madison parish will not deter us from exposing and denouncing such crimes.

The great trouble in the past has been that our people have quietly submitted to these outrages and with christian resignation have turned the left cheek without murmuring when smitten upon the right. In the future we propose to see that they adopt a new policy—being unable to cope with their white neighbors in armed conflict—they must abandon the communities in which their lives are not safe and rights respected; and no amount of ridicule and blackguardism on the part of the official organ of the State will weigh a feather's with us in our discharge of what we conceive to be our duty to our people.

The *Democrat* says Price put up a job on Murrell by telling him to stay away from Madison so that he (Price) could have all the field to himself. If skulking in Vicksburg for safety on election day was giving the field to Price, then the *Democrat* and Price should be very happy.

WASHINGTON.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,
December 6, 1879.

MY DEAR K:—

I have tried my "level best" to get you a line off this week earlier than usual, but failed owing to circumstances, etc.

In order to write at all, I will have to be briefer than I wish in what there is to say of the two main points of my letter, St. Luke's Church and "Pinafore."

According to programme, divine services were first held in the new building on Thanksgiving morning, and by 9 o'clock visitors and congregation had commenced wending their way to the building. The services began at 11 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Crummell officiating. Every seat was filled before the hour of service, at least one-third of those in attendance being from the white membership of the several Episcopal Churches in the city. A volunteer choir, under the leadership of C. A. Fleetwood, led the congregation in singing the "processional" as the officiating clergy entered from the vestry. There was no departure from the regular form of morning service on this occasion. The church being in debt, it cannot be consecrated at this time under the rules of that denomination.

The sermon of Dr. Crummell was one of the finest of his always fine productions, well sustaining his reputation as the most gifted divine now working in this part of the vineyard.

The music was particularly fine, also a bass solo by J. W Cole and soprano solo by Mrs. Crete Kelly in Thomas' Te Deum, and the soprano solo of "Inflammatus" sung by Miss Amelia Tilgham being especially noteworthy.

It was a source of great regret that the organ now building was not completed in time to be used at these services, the choir having to depend upon a small instrument (for such a building) kindly loaned by Messrs. Meitzerott & Co.

The church is a fine building of gray stone, beautiful in its simplicity of design. The stained glass windows of the main walls alone were up in time for the occasion Since then a magnificent chancel window, the gift of Epiphany Sabbath School, has arrived and been placed in position, leaving only the cloister windows and large front window to be attended to.

The church has a seating capacity of something over 800, and is to be a free and in some respects a national church.

The chancel furniture—altar, reredos, stalls, etc.,—is beautifully carved. The one great defect is the placing of the organ at the chancel, in view of the fact that the architectural design of the church interior is entirely unfitted or unadapted to its location at that point.

The weight of reasons is largely in favor of having the organ and choir at the chancel, *provided* always the building is so arranged as to allow the organ and singers fair play. In this case the only worse place I can conceive of would be the cellar. The interior of the church is finished entirely in the rough as yet, or at least without polish, the plastering sand-finished, woods of pews, ceilings, etc, natural, and so on. The fine ornamentation of the original design, as to mouldings, frescoing, etc., has been laid over until better prepared to meet the attendant expense.

There has been absolutely nothing in the course of my experience that has given such utter and absolute satisfaction as the Pinafore performances given by the Washington Church Choir Pinafore Company, under the management of C. A. Fleetwood, during the first half of this week. Blame and criticism for once have been completely routed, horse foot and artillery.

Pinafore has been done here until every *gamin* is a competent critic and every person fastidiously critical as to a performance. Nathless the universal verdict is, "It is the best performance ever witnessed in Washington.

Of the performances I give as to the characters the bent of the majority of the opinions gathered to this date, not stating or assuming to say whether they do or do not agree with my own, but acting simply as a medium or telephone. Miss Miller and Miss Lawrence, on alternate nights exchanged characters as Josephine and Buttercup Both of them, in both characters, did so well that it is difficult to imagine that any one could do better. But as between themselves the better Josephine was Miss Lawrence, and the better Buttercup Miss Miller.

Miss Sallie Wall as "Hebe" was most beautiful. Concerning the details of her conception of the character there is a greater diversity of opinion than of any other member of the cast, but of her success summed up, there is but one voice and she takes rank at once with those having advantages which although limited were largely beyond hers.

J. W. Cole, as "Captain Corcoran," sustained and added to his former reputation as one of the best in the country. R. W. Tompkins, as "Ralph," good at first, showed so marked an improvement in his acting as to surprise all. Dick Deadye (Wm. T. Benjamin) filled his character so fully and completely as not to leave room for the slightest suggestion.

Chris. McKinney was so nearly perfect before in his character as to leave little room for improvement, but that little was made up. There are manifest reasons why I do not care to repeat what was said of C. A. Fleetwood as "Sir Joseph," but being simply a telephone I transmit so much as that to the great surprise of everybody he stepped at once from the lowest story up the general platform of excellence, taking rank as "one of the best" with the others.

The telephone is now closed, and I will add for myself that every one connected therewith in any way has reason to feel proud of that connection. The chorus in voice, acting and dress was the best I have heard in my experience of seven different troupes and some 30 performances, and the cast as a whole second to none.

Washington is becoming quite a highway for Indiana migrants from North Carolina, likely to become a heavy tax upon our citizens during the winter. A meeting was held last night and various committees appointed to look into and after ways and means.

Have had an hour or two since a "shake" from our friend Chester, whom I have not seen looking better in many years.

Time is up, and other matters in my next if not too stale by then.

Yours, MARBA

Many of our esteemed cotemporaries are wont to clip our original matter without giving us due credit. While this may not be exactly the fair thing to do, still when the items appropriated are mere trifles, we are not disposed to go in search of stolen goods. But when an able and esteemed journal like the *Afric-oAmerican Presbyterian* emulates the wicked doings of its worldly *confreres* and reprints our article "The Hus and at Home" in its issue of th 4th inst., without giving us credit, our patience and pride are a little bit piqued. We occasionally produce articles like the above for the social amusement of our lady readers We feel satisfied they will not willingly surrender "The Husband at home" to the fair patrons of Brother Sander, unless he'll be good enough to tell the world where that husband was obtained. We are neither exacting nor disobliging, but hereafter, Brother S., when you call from us, be kind enough to tell the LOUISIANIAN that it has conferred a favor.

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Several reliable entertainments are booked for the holidays, with one and possibly two private dinner parties.

The returns are not all in yet, but so dexterously have the Dems. done the work that we are not anxious about the "counties still to hear from."

A Tensas blood, we understand, has been accepted and the day appointed. Truly the city swell stands no show when the substantial country farmer puts in an appearance.

The entertainment given by the "Crescent Circle" at the Violet Hall on last Monday evening, was an enjoyable affair, and we understand that it was also a financial success. Thanks for appreciated favors.

Prepare ye belles and beaux, it never rains, but it pours. The Americus will commence its seasons work along about the 29th This time the programme will be novel. We are not authorized just yet to "give it away," but "forewarned is forearmed."

Our genial young friend, Chas. C. Crane, is in the city. The "unerring" bulldozer soothingly prayed with him, and said at parting: "The atmosphere in your adopted city, dear Charlie, is better for your weak condition than the prairie of Felicia na." He left.

The first noteworthy social event of the season will be the reception and soiree to be given by the Young Ladies' Americus Circle on the 23d instant, at the residence of Hon. C. C. Antoine. The young ladies connected with this organization are sparing no pains to make the entertainment grand and enjoyable. Brush up your "daggers," boys; they will be needed.

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The dancing festival given by a committee of ladies on last Saturday night was, we understand, a decided financial success. The arrangements were admirable and the management well conducted by the officers. President, Mrs. Mary J. Isabelle. Total amount taken in $107.80, expenses, $69.35; profit, $37.65. The above showing is very creditable and speaks well for the ladies interested. Our thanks are returned for favors.

We are not always wrong, although at times we may be a little previous. Suffice it to say the marriage bells will soon be ringing off the innocent waywardness of single happiness and increasing that large army of "those whom God hath joined together let no man put assunder." There is no mistake this time. We saw the beautiful symbal. It encircles the "index" finger of the left hand. Remember us kindly.

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